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Extent of Mideast Arms Aid Shows Aims of Soviet Union

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NEW FACTS about Rus- THE light on the Kremlin's aims from 100 planes in 1967, to fenses, for many months on in the Mideast. The aims are Mig-21s and 150 Sukhoy end.

to beat the Israelis to their bombers in the supersonic SEEN AGAINST this knees, or to destroy Israel, category, The Syrian Air background, the recent Rusconclude, have been the increased, from 55 aircraft sian takeover of almost the in 1967, to 260 today.

The 100 Mig. 215 nificent but humiliating de most advanced model, that appeared at, first. It is in in fact, that the Russian pl- without counting the planes or to crush Israel altolots flying Mig-21s in Egypt given the Egyptians and gether, that went wrong last represent only one stage in Syrians, just those 100 Migs year when the war of at

a long-range plan, which has being flown by Russian pi- trition was checked. always had these aims. lots considerably outnumber. The Russian pilots and After the Six Day War, it the Israeli Air Force's entire Nasser's war of attrition may be recalled, the Rus present stock of supersonic back into high gear. How sesians soon began arms ship- Phantoms and Mirages.

ments to Egypt and Syria on No one in his senses can for Americans to underan emergency basis. Since read the foregoing figures stand. For instance, the the Egyptians and Syrians without reaching a grim racli soldiers lost in a single had virtually lost their en conclusion. The Russian fight on the Suez front, and tire armed forces, the arms arms shipments were ob- no one was concerned. But shipments were at first in viously planned, from the for little Israel, that loss terpreted as being purely first, to give the Arab was exactly what a loss of defensive in purpose. client-states enough sheer would be to us.

Unfortunately, this inter-weight of metal to crush In view of all these facts.

pretation is now shown to Israel. That is the only pos- the present intellectual clihave been pure, wishful sible interpretation. And mate in this country is ut shosh. The quantities of arms this in turn explains Gamal terly incomprehensible. The the Russians have shipped Abdel Nasser's declaration facts show the Russians are simply too enormous to of a "war of attrition" last have been long maturing be consistent with a defen year.

sive purpose. The aims have By that time, the bulk of cold blooded plan for Isclearly been offensive from the Russian arms had al. rael's destruction. By dethe outset. If you doubt this, ready been delivered. As stroying Israel, the Russians consider the following chill- Gen. Moshe Dayan told this predominance in the entire ing figures.

Before the Six Day War, trip to Israel, "both Nasser now, are abundant and glarthe Egyptians had 300 tanks and his Soviet bosses really ing. Israel has nowhere to and the Syrians had 350 believed they had enough turn to help, except the Today, the Russians have weight to crush us." But But on this policy-making provided Egypt with 1,600 this first stage of the plan flank, President Nixon is tanks, and the Syrians with went wrong, because of the uniquely 1,000. Before the Six Day dash and brilliance of the leftwing-liberal attack one War, again, the Egyptians tiny Israell Air Force.

had 400 pieces of heavy ar- The Israeli Air Force tillery, and the Syrians, checked the war of attrition, 200. Today, the Russians by proving to Nasser, and have provided the Egyptians by proving to Nasser, and

with 1,600 heave armich indeed to Wisser 13 Busser 14 - RDP80B01439R000500150011-1 . DEgypt was safe from Israeli

in bombing attacks. The threat sian arms deliveries to the planes is even more star-of those attacks was the de-Kremlin's Arab client-states tling. The Egyptian Air terrent that took the preshave now shed a kirld new Force has been increased sure off Israel's Suez de-

The 100 Mig-21s of the is even more sinister than it refeat, of the Kremlin's Arab the Russian pilots are flying appeared at, first. It is in reclients in the Six Day War, in Egypt, are additional to fact a way of patching up. The evidence is now clear, the figures given above for the long-range plan, to bring in fact, that the Russian plant.

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and carefully preparing a reporter during a recent Middle East. The proofs, by

immune from wonders why.